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NEW PATENT APPLICATION Attorney Docket No.: 3985 Inventor: Rolf ESPE

Title: PRESS PAD CONTAINING FLUOROELASTOMER OR FLUOROSILICONE ELASTOMER

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I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising: a) 16 pages of specification; 18 claims, 1 independent;

_1 Fig. on 1 sheet of formal drawings;

an abstract;

1 return receipt postcard; b) Declaration, Power of Attorney;

c) Form PTO-2038 (\$395.00) to cover the filing fee and the fee for Assignment Recordal. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507;

d) An Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and copy of Assignment.

The Priorities of earlier Utility Model applications:

Utility Model No. 200 05 255.1, filed on March 21, 2000 in Federal Republic of Germany; and

Utility Model No. 200 08 249.3, filed on May 12, 2000 in Federal Republic of Germany

are hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please acknowledge the priority claim.

- 3) A copy of the Priority Document 200 05 255.1 WILL FOLLOW. A copy of Priority Document 200 08 249.3 WILL FOLLOW.
- 4) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to: CUSTOMER NO. 021553.
- 5) Small Entity Status is claimed for this application.

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